

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jack Wells, on January 17, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jack Wells, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Eve Franklin (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mark Bruno, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Alan Peura, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Kathy Baird, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Agency Budget Overview: Montana University System/
Commissioner of Higher Education

Executive Action: Board of Public Education
Montana Historical Society

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Discussion:

00:02:02 Rep. Wells
00:02:47 Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Montana Board of
Public Education (MBPE)
00:10:12 Rep. Wells
00:12:12 Sen. Hawks
00:12:28 Mr. Meloy, MBPE
00:13:38 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning
(OBPP)

EXHIBIT(jeh11a01)

00:17:32 Rep. Wells
00:18:05 Ms. Hall, OBPP

00:18:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved **TO ADOPT** Item 3,
remaining statewide present law adjustments. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:20:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** DP 1,
Present Law Adjustment, Rent Increase. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

00:20:52 Ms. Hall, OBPP

00:21:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** DP 2,
Present Law Per Diem. Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote.

00:22:13 Ms. Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:22:56 Rep. Wells

00:23:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** Item 3,
remaining statewide present law adjustments. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

00:24:17 Rep. Wells
00:24:35 Kris Wilkinson, (LFD)
EXHIBIT(jeh11a02)
00:27:31 Rep. Wells
00:30:37 Sen. Hawks
00:30:51 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
00:31:03 Sen. Lewis
00:31:23 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

00:31:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO MODIFY** Item 1.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

00:33:13 Rep. Wells
00:33:27 Ms. Hall, OBPP
00:34:30 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
00:37:47 Sen. Lewis

00:39:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO RECONSIDER** DP 2.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:40:05 **Motion:** Sen. Lewis moved **TO ADOPT** Item 3.

Discussion:

00:40:24 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

00:41:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:43:06 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
00:44:57 Rep. Wells
00:45:05 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
00:46:10 Ms. Hall, OBPP

00:46:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved **TO ADOPT** DP 20.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:47:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** Item 5,
DP 8. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

00:49:34 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
00:53:05 Rep. Wells
00:53:25 Ms. Hall, OBPP
00:54:47 Sen. Hawks
00:55:00 Denise King, Accountant, Montana Historical Society,
(MHS)

00:55:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved **TO ADOPT** recommendation
to Department of Commerce to transfer funds to MHS for
Historical Interpretation and Sriver Collection.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

00:56:17 Break
01:10:48 Reconvene

01:13:07 Mr. Sims, Director, Montana Historical Society, (MHS)
01:14:05 Rep. Wells

01:17:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved **TO ADOPT** DP 21.
Motion carried 4-2 with Rep. Wells and Rep. Glaser
voting no.

Discussion:

01:19:42 Sen. Wanzenried
01:19:56 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
01:20:53 Ms. Hall, OBPP

01:22:37 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** DP 6.

Discussion:

01:23:04 Sen. Lewis
01:23:10 Rep. Franklin arrives
01:23:19 Ms. King, MHS
01:23:47 Rep. Wells
01:25:21 Ms. Hall, OBPP
01:26:06 Sen. Lewis

01:26:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:27:31 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:28:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** revised
federal funding for Program 6. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

01:31:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** DP 007.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:32:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO ADOPT** DP 7.
Motion carried 5-1 with Rep. Wells voting no.

Discussion on Arts Council Proprietary Fund:

01:34:18 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
01:35:43 Sen. Wanzenried
01:36:01 Sen. Hawks
01:36:39 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BUDGET OVERVIEW

01:38:57 Alan Peura, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh11a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh11a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh11a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh11a06\)](#)

Discussion:

03:34:52 Rep. Wells

03:35:17 Mark Bruno, Executive Budget Analyst, OBPP

[EXHIBIT\(jeh11a07\)](#)

03:43:00 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education,
(OCHE)

03:53:10 Rep. Wells

03:53:27 Mr. Peura, LFD

ADJOURNMENT

03:53:55 Adjournment

REP. JACK WELLS, Chairman

KATHY BAIRD, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jeh11aad.pdf](#))